Jackie, Publisher Release Statements

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—The following are texts of statements issued on behalf of Mrs. John F. Kennedy and by Gardner Cowles, editorial chairman of Look magazine, on their agreement to allow serialization of the controversial book, "The Death of a President."

Gardner Cowles

"Following a series of meetings between Mrs. Kennedy, her advisers and Look editors, several changes in the text of the Look serialization were mutually agreed on. These changes, involving approximately 1,600 out of 80,000 authorized words, in no way affected the historical accuracy or completeness of Mr. Manchester's manuscript.

"They concern only the passages to which Mrs. Kennedy objected on personal grounds.

'Satisfied With Discussion'

"We are satisfied with the outcome of the discussion. Mr. Manchester's book is a report of great value and meaning for all Americans. I am glad this dispute is behind us and that there has been no censorship of history.

"As the result of our discussion with Mrs. Kennedy and her representatives, Mr. Manchester's superb job of reporting remains intact. We wish to make it clear that neither Mrs. Kennedy nor Sen. Robert Kennedy nor any member of her family has in any way approved or indorsed material appearing in Look's serialization for which the publishers of Look assume complete and sole responsibility.

Hopes Controversy Ends

"I hope that the controversy between the Kennedy family and Harper & Row will be speedily resolved because Cass Canfield, chairman of the publishing company, has been extremely helpful in the discussions concerning the serialization.

"The public should not be deprived of the opportunity to read Mr. Manchester's manuscript."

Mrs. Kennedy

"Look magazine has agreed to remove or modify all those passages in the magazine version of 'The Death of a President' relating to the personal life of Mrs. F. Kennedy and her children. These paragraphs were the sole reasons for the initiation of her legal action.

"Since every passage of a personal nature under contention for several months was either deleted by Look, or changed to her satisfaction, Mrs. Kennedy has withdrawn her suit.

Historical Material Kept

"No material of historical significance has been altered nor has the historical record been impaired in the slightest by the modifications and deletions.

"Neither Mrs. Kennedy nor Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has in anyway approved or indorsed the material in the Look articles, based upon 'The Death of a President.'

"The author, William Manchester, and the publisher of Look magazine have assumed complete and sole responsibility.

Inaccuracies Are Cited

"Mrs. Kennedy said: 'I have been told there are historical inaccuracies and unfair references in this book. That they have been written is unfortunate. However, it was clear before bringing this suit that historical judgments, even if inaccurate, could not properly be suppressed by a court of law.

"'In time, history will deal fairly and justly with this period.'"